

Art and Design and British Values at Childwall CE Primary School

At Childwall CE Primary School we understand that the fundamental British Values are widely recognised as universal values which you would expect to find in any democratic society. Our aim in school is to address these wherever possible in the curriculum so that our children are immersed in those concepts on a daily basis.

Art and Design is a rich and challenging subject through which those values can be investigated by our children as they progress through their educational journey. The children are given many opportunities to critique each other's work in a positive and constructive manner whilst showing respect for the opinions and beliefs of their peers which may differ from their own. An acceptance of the liberty of the individual to interpret and create a piece of art work which may not necessarily match their own criteria is an important aspect of all lessons. Children are aware that the concept of democracy transcends the more literal understanding of the term to include those processes which select and approve artwork by the majority for display and award and this naturally feeds into the wider acceptance of the value of democracy in the political arena. All of this is underpinned by the implementation of school rules which make these choices by the individual or group a safe and non-threatening process for all.